



April 2, 2013

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Re: FOIA Request No. F-00149-13

Dear Dr. Snider:

It was a pleasure speaking with you this morning. The United States Agency for International Development (USAID) regrets the delay in responding to your Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) request. Unfortunately, USAID is experiencing a substantial backlog due to staff shortages that we are committed to resolving.

This acknowledges receipt of your February 11, 2013, Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) request to the United States Agency for International Development (USAID). We received your request in this office on February 12, 2013. Specifically, you requested all correspondence, reports, and contracts relating to democracy projects in the Middle East, particularly in Egypt and Morocco, for the time period of 1990-2011, for the Office of Democracy and Governance, the Global Bureau and the Bureau for Europe and the New Independent States (USAID's democracy centers in the late 1980s and early 1990s). You also requested a fee waiver.

Please be advised that the offices you have referenced have been restructured and renamed to the Bureau for Democracy, Conflict & Humanitarian Assistance (DHCA), Bureau for Europe & Eurasia (BEE), and Bureau for Global Health (BGH) respectively.

By email dated March 21, 2013, this office requested additional information from you in order to perfect your request. Upon further review, due to the significant delay in seeking this information from you, all fees will be waived.

Your request has been assigned to Ms. Pamela Smith. You may contact Ms. Smith by phone on (202) 712-4476 or by email at psmith@usaid.gov, and reference F-00149-13 in your correspondence.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

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